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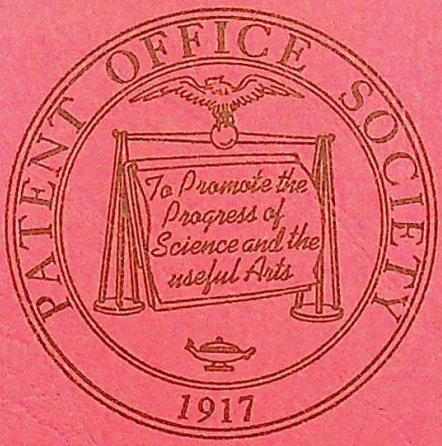

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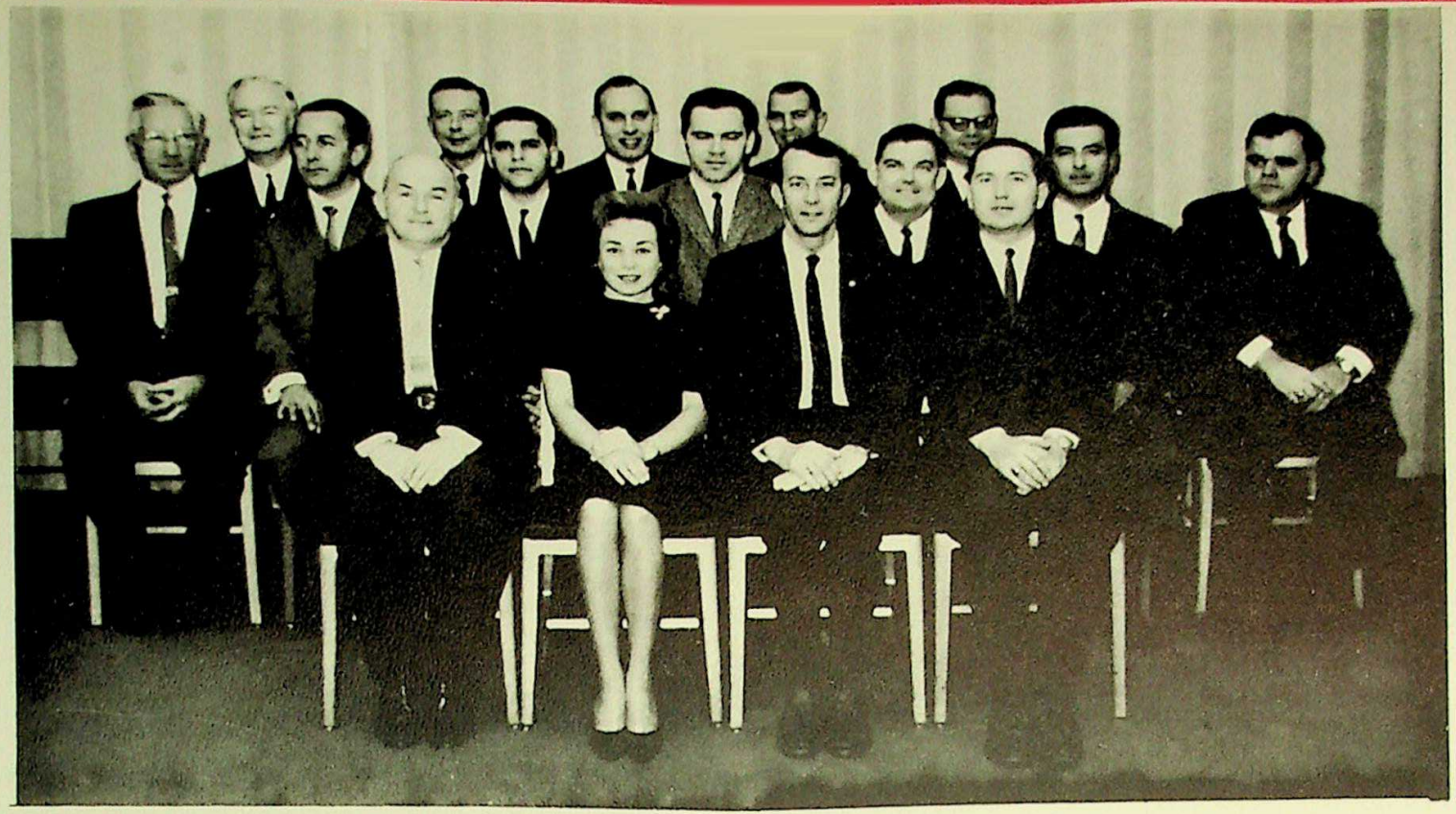

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

I am gratified to report that this year the Society achieved its highest total membership in history, with 1,141 active members and 450 associate members. It is anticipated that our associate membership will continue to grow as more and more people in the patent community become aware of the Society's activities.

Our first affair of the year was the third annual "Night on Capitol Hill" in April, arranged with the cooperation of Congressman Mathias and our Legislative Chairman, Sid Millard.

In May an educational program on Supreme Court decisions under 35 U.S.C. 103 was held at the Washington Hilton Hotel, and was attended by approximately 200 persons.

In June the Society participated for the third year in the Science Fair International, held in Dallas, Texas, where awards were presented in five different fields of technology. This program has been highly successful in reaching the young men and women of America. The degree of knowledge and technology these young people exhibited in their projects at this Fair was amazing. Some of the participants are already holders of patents, and many more will be, for these are the scientists, engineers, and inventors of the future. The Society wishes to thank the Administration and especially Mr. Isaac Fleischmann and Mr. Oscar Mastin for their cooperation in making this Fair a resounding success.

In July our picnic was held at Fort Hunt, Virginia, and approximately 500 members and their guests enjoyed excellent food, games, weather, and companionship.

In September we were hosts to sixteen Japanese visitors, in pursuance of our aim to foster good relations with other patent offices. I am pleased to note that our Society has attained high repute in international patent circles, as those who have traveled abroad have informed us.

In December we continued the social program with a gay dinner-dance at the Presidential Arms.

During much of the year, the officers and members of the Executive Committee spent considerable time and effort in concluding the affairs of the 175th Patent Anniversary Commemoration.

In November, the proceedings of the 175th were published, and we must express our gratitude to John Merchant and George Lowrance in this endeavor. Bound sets of Volumes I and II were presented to the Commissioners.

I appreciate the honor of having been chosen to act as your President this past year, as well as in 1964. I have done my best to serve you well and to faithfully represent the Society in its dealings with the patent community.

Our Society will celebrate in 1967 the 50th anniversary of its founding, and Bill Penn's committee has already spent countless hours in preliminary planning to commemorate the event. Commissioner Brenner has promised us all necessary cooperation.

I regret the loss to the Society in the coming year the services of some of its most able Executive Committee members, due to the recent referendum, which prohibits "interlocking directorate" leadership positions from other employee organizations within the office. These people have served the membership well and I wish to express my thanks to them for their efforts on behalf of the Society.

I with to note especially the valuable help and service rendered to the Society by Vice-President Bill Penn; Social Chairmen Carl Croyle, Gene Mancene, and Lou Perlstein; Treasurer Sam Engle; Secretary Pat McDonnell; Executive Committee Members, Al Brody, Tom Hix, Bob Stahl, Jim Sheehan and Charles A. Marlow.

I would also like to thank those members of the Society who were not on the Executive Committee, but who helped with elections and various other activities.

We have had a conscientious and hard working Executive Committee, and I hope my successor will have an equally fine group for the busy year 1967.

Respectfully submitted,

Davis T. Moorhead
President

Legislative Committee

The Legislative Committee presented testimony in three public hearings in the past year, before the Patent Office on proposed Rule changes, before the Senate and before the House of Representatives on government pay raises.

Mr. Hix of Group 210 presented the testimony before the Patent Office, and as a result almost all of the Society recommendations were incorporated into new Rules of Practice (cf. 831 O.G. 1382 and 825 O.G. 426).

The testimony on pay raises was presented to the Senate and to the House by Mr. Newman of Group 370 and Mr. Millard of Division 91, respectively. Unfortunately, the position for pay comparability taken by the Society was not persuasive, as shown by the 1966 pay raise enacted. It is expected that the Society will be more productive in the 90th Congress.

The Society was concerned with two pieces of legislation where no testimony was presented by the Legislative Committee. The first was the bill annually presented to allow general attorneys to practice before the Patent Office. The second was a bill which, in effect, would negate the requirement of novelty in Design patents. The Society was opposed to both bills. Mr. Lassiter was advised of this and was effective in making this known to the appropriate members of Congress. Neither bill was ever reported out of Committee in the House. The subsequently published Presidential Commission Report will require the Society to re-evaluate its position on Designs.

The problem of obtaining a new Patent Office building has been explored by the Legislative Committee and Mr. Lassiter. The probability of obtaining such a building in the foreseeable future remains small.

Respectfully submitted,

Sidney W. Millard
Chairman

Education and Affiliation Committee

The Committee on Education and Affiliation was active in five areas this past year:

(1) The Patent Office Society Awards Program, for the best paper submitted in a seminar program of the Patent, Trademark, and Copyright Research Institute, was broadened to encompass the five law schools in the Washington, D.C. area. The Society will make an annual award for the best student paper submitted in a course in patents or trademarks.

(2) A stimulating educational program was held in May at the new Washington Hilton Hotel on the subject of the recent Supreme Court decisions interpreting for the first time 35 U.S.C. 103.

(3) The Society had two representatives at the annual convention of the Patent, Trademark and Copyright Section of The American Bar Association, held in Montreal, Canada.

(4) The Society participated again this year in the Science Fair International Annual Awards held in Dallas, Texas. Awards of John F. Kennedy Memorial Bonds were made to the winners in five different fields of technology.

(5) Plans are being formulated for stimulating educational programs in connection with the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Patent Office Society in 1967.

Thanks are extended to S. Broder, H. Bryan, Miss H. McCarthy, E. A. Feller, L. Hix and A. Smith for their willing support, and a special note of thanks is extended to C. Croyle and T. Streule of the Social Committee for their valuable cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

William B. Penn,
James J. Sheehan
Co-Chairmen

The Public Relations Committee

The Public Relations Committee, during the past year, closely cooperated with the Education, Affiliation and Social Committees in carrying out their various programs. In addition, members of the Public Relations Committee have taken an active part in the pilot planning of the social and educational events contemplated next year in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Patent Office Society.

I wish to thank Fred Edmondson, Issac Fleishmann, Lloyd King, Oscar Mastin, Frank Medley, Donald Paris and Bill Penn, members of the Committee, for their helpful counsel and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred L. Brody
Chairman

Relations with the Presidential Commission Committee

After screening several hundred questions, the Committee formulated a four-page questionnaire related to the problems of the Patent Office and tabulated approximately six hundred responses from the Office professionals. The task of tabulation was a difficult one due to the numerous essay type answers.

The resulting tabulation was well received by the Commission and was said to be "highly enlightening". Due to the issues raised among the various answers, the Commission selected, at random, four Examiners of different grades, each of whom was questioned at length. It is apparent that the results of the questionnaire and the information given by the individual examiners to the Commission were instrumental in incorporating certain recommendations into the Commission's report.

I wish to especially thank Wilbur Bascomb, Lee T. Hix, Donald Paris, Bill Penn and Jim Sheehan for their diligent and astute

contributions in formulating and tabulating the questionnaire. In addition, the entire Executive Committee and several members of the Society are to be thanked for the many hours spent during the week-long tabulation process.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred L. Brody
Chairman

The Constitution Committee

The Constitution Committee submitted to the membership several important amendments which were adopted. The important ones included (1) Article 4, Section 1(b), relating to the qualifications of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee; (2) Article 4, Section 2(b), relating to the composition of the Executive Committee under the present organizational structure of the Patent Office; (3) Article 3, Section 2(d), relating to the adjustment of current dues and (4) new Article 10 setting forth the Operations of the Journal of the Patent Office Society.

The cooperation of fellow members Al Brody, Lutrelle Parker Lawrence Efner, James Merna and Miss Pat McDonnell is noted with appreciation, and with special thanks to the subcommittee headed by William Lawson in preparing the substance of new Article 10.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. Penn
Chairman

Committee on Journal Affairs

This Committee was established for the purpose of making recommendations to improve the organizational and financial structure of the Society with relation to the Journal of the Patent Office Society.

The Committee agreed upon a basic premise that the Journal is the arm of the Society, that the one cannot function effectively without the other. With the obvious in mind that the Journal must be responsive to the changing times and the demands of the membership, the Committee determined that the separate organizational and financial integrity of the Journal, which was long ago separated from the day to day functioning of the Society, must be maintained, and the Journal must be effectively insulated from periodic transient demands. The Committee therefore recommended the establishment of a Board of Directors for the Journal. The details effecting the recommendation have now been approved by the membership.

The Committe also recommended:

1. the establishment of a Central Deposit Account for all funds of the Society, withdrawals to be made therefrom for the operating expenses of the Journal upon recommendation of the Board of Directors and for social and professional activities of the Society upon recommendation of the Treasurer,

2. an increase in rates for Journal subscriptions, advertising, etc., and active and associate memberships; and

3. the establishment of a standing committee on Associate Membership.

Details effecting the above have been approved and operation thereof will be in effect soon if not already.

It must be noted that, from the beginning, this committee appreciated the established position of the Journal as a respected publication and recognized the tremendous importance of the Journal to the Society. With such as a background we earnestly devoted ourselves only to recommendations which we hopefully forsee as an improvement contributing to more success in the future.

We thank all those who contributed their time, efforts and thoughts, particularly the members of the Committee, Messrs. Frank Cohen, Sam W. Engle, Mark Jacobs, George E. Lowrance; and in particular William S. Lawson, the chairman, under whose able direction we labored.

Lee I. Hix
for the Committee in the
absence of the Chairman

Social Committee

On April 28, the social season began with the Capitol Hill Members' Night Party, which featured free beer and sandwiches. Assistant Commissioner Wahl was in attendance along with 300 other Society members.

The annual summer picnic was held at Ft. Hunt, Virginia on July 24 and was highlighted by a softball contest between the Patent Office Softball Team and the Patent Office All-Stars. A five-piece, amplified, rock and roll combo provided — dance music? Over 500 people attended and 2700 free soft drinks were distributed.

In September, the Society sponsored a luncheon at the Black Gun Restaurant for sixteen dignitaries from Japan. The courteous and subtle humor of the Japanese was exceeded only by the wit of E. Faller, who acted as Master of Ceremonies.

The Society's social year closed with a dinner dance which was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Presidential Arms. The rhythm supplied by Tony Silvia's 14-piece orchestra, a cocktail hour and a filet mignon dinner created a most enjoyable evening for the members and their guests.

Sincere thanks are extended to T. Streule, S. Engle, S. Millard, J. Sheehan, and R. Stahl for their efforts in making each social event so successful.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlton R. Croyle, Chairman
Louis J. Perlstein, Co-Chairman
Gene Mancene, Co-Chairman

Insurance Committee

The Insurance Committee made no basic changes in the plans offered by the Society during the year. The Committee is presently studying the possibility of adding dependents to the member's coverage in our term life insurance program. In the accidental death program, approximately 70% of the covered members also provided coverage for some of their dependents.

For those members who desire to increase their term life insurance, a new policy is issued only on the added coverage, therefore your present coverage is NOT in any way affected by the additional insurance.

The agent for The Mutual of Omaha has been instructed to contact interested persons only during non-office time, so please make arrangements with him consistant with his instructions.

The number of insured members, in the various Society plans brakes down as follows:

222 Life Insurance
233 Income protection
75 Accidental death.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Stahl
Chairman

Election Committee

The election of Patent Office Society Officers and Executive Committee Representatives was held on Feb. 14, 15, and 16, 1966. The total number of ballots cast was 777. It is to be noted that since the active membership role lists 1,050 members, the election turn out comprised better than 73% of the total. It is also interesting to note that of the remainder, approximately 36% of that total were retirees who had already left the office. Thus, in actuality, approximately 82% of the people eligible did vote in this election.

The Chairman of the Election Committee wishes at this time to express his sincere appreciation of the help and co-operation afforded him by Mr. John Shewmaker, Mr. Arthur Word, Mr. Charles Yates, and Mrs. Eileen Lemp. Also my personal thanks going to those persons who volunteered their services to aid in counting ballots.

Finally, I wish to express my appreciation to outgoing President William Lawson who supplied the election committee with his advice and cooperation which enabled this election to proceed smoothly.

Respectfully submitted

Dalton L. Truluck
Chairman

Membership

There were 1,141 active members in the Society in 1966 of whom 690 were Journal subscribers. The Associate Membership totalled 450.

Respectfully submitted,

V. R. Pendegrass
Chairman

PATENT OFFICE SOCIETY

Statement of Financial Operations as of Dec. 31, 1966

Balance on Hand, all accounts, Dec. 31, 1965			$13,434.75
Receipts:			
Membership and subscriptions		$4,568.75	
Associate memberships		817.60	
Interest			
Patent Office Federal Credit Union	303.31		
National Permanent Savings & Loan Association	218.80		
U.S. Treasury Bond ($1000 Series H)	77.90	600.01	
Calvert Patent Practice (Ency.)		540.00	
Annual Banquet		1,684.00	
Black Gun Reception		43.00	
Miscellaneous		53.58	8,306.94
			$21,741.69
Disbursements:			
Legislative Counsel		1,800.00	
Printing		1,186.97	
Annual Banquet (1966)		423.45	
Annual Banquet Flowers (1965)		113.30	
Reception Pictures (1965)		97.00	
Capital Hill Members Night		283.89	
Picnic		566.84	
American Bar Association Trip		150.00	
Rheinhold Books Division (Ency.)		549.75	
Black Gun Reception		93.00	
P.T.G.R.I Dues & PAS Award		125.00	
Washington Hilton (Education Seminar)		249.02	
Commerce Christmas Program Donation		20.00	
Science Fair		281.25	
Recreation Association		300.00	
Miscellaneous		119.35	6,358.82
Balance on hand, all accounts Dec. 31, 1966			$15,382.87

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

	12/31/65	12/31/66	Increase	Decrease
ASSETS				
First National Bank	3.16	1,429.17	1,426.01	
National Permanent Savings & Loan Association	4,781.78	5,000.58	218.80	
Patent Office Federal Credit Union	6,149.81	6,453.12	303.31	
U.S. Treasury Bonds Series H	1,000.00	1,000.00		
2½% Treasury Bond 1964-1969 Maturity Value	1,500.00	1,500.00		
(Market Value)	(1,396.87)	(1,430.62)		
	$13,434.75	$15,382.87	$1,948.11	
LIABILITIES				
Printing		113.95		
Presidential Arms (Annual Banquet)		1,775.00		
Flowers (Annual Banquet)		128.75	$2,017.70	
				$ 69.59

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS MANAGER OF THE JOURNAL

RECEIPTS

From Subscribers:		
For Arrears	$ 145.40	
For 1966 Subscriptions	13,783.64	
Advance Payments	1,972.70	
	$15,901.74	$15,901.74
From Advertisers:		
For Arrears	$ 3,131.70	
For 1966 Advertising	7,358.00	
	$10,489.70	$10,489.70
Advance Payments for "175th Proceedings"		$ 4,705.00
From Sale of Single Copies:		
Back Issues	$ 596.00	
1966 Copies	101.00	
	$ 697.00	$ 697.00
Collected for Binding		$ 50.00
Collected for Associate Memberships (1966)		726.00
Total Receipts		$32,569.44
Adjusted Bank Balances December 31, 1965:		
Suburban Trust Co.	$ 1,028.44	
Union Trust Co.	13,395.63	
Federalsburg Post Office Account:		
Balance December 31, 1965	355.53	
Cash on hand December 31, 1965	5.06	
Total	$14,784.66	$14,784.66
TOTAL		$47,354.10

DISBURSMENTS

For:		
Printing Journal	$15,448.78	
Printing Vol. I "175th Proceedings"	3,309.60	
Postage & Express	475.86	
Federalsburg Postage	861.20	
Comp. & Exp. Staff	4,680.00	
Binding	81.00	
Engraving	32.55	
Stationery & Misc. Printing	435.22	
Paid to P.O.S. for Assoc. Membership Collected	817.60	
Paper	4,963.06	
Collecting Assoc. Memberships	71.25	
Total	$31,176.12	$31,176.12
Adjusted Bank Balances, December 31, 1966:		
Suburban Trust Co.	$ 1,028.44	
Union Trust Co.	15,047.09	
Federalsburg P.O. Account		
Balance December 31, 1966	94.33	
Cash on hand December 31, 1966	8.12	
	$16,177.98	$16,177.98
TOTAL		$47,354.10

Analysis of 1966 Journal Operations

Receipts:		
From Subscribers for 1966 Journal:		
Payments Prior to 1966	$ 3,837.34	
Membership Subscriptions	1,725.00	
Payments During 1966	13,783.64	
Total	18,825.98	$18,825.98
From Advertisers:		
Payments for 1966	$ 7,358.00	
From Single Copy Sales 1966 Journals	101.00	
Total	$ 7,459.00	$ 7,459.00
Total Receipts		$26,284.98
Expenditures:		
Printing (12 Issues)	$15,448.78	
Cost of Paper (Estimated)	6,650.00	
Postage & Express	475.86	
Federalsburg Postage	861.20	
Comp. & Exp. Staff	4,680.00	
Stationery, Engraving & Misc.	539.02	
Total Expenditures		$28,654.86
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ARREARS COLLECTED

For:		
Advertising	$ 3,131.70	
Subscriptions	145.40	
Single Copies, Back Issues	596.00	
Total	$ 3,873.10	$ 3,873.10
Profit		$ 1,503.22

Funds Transferred to the Society Treasurer
Funds Held for Society.

Transferred during 1966:		
Membership Subscriptions	$ 1,725.00	
Associate Memberships		
for 1965	95.60	
for 1966	722.00	
To be transferred:		
Assoc. Memb. Collected		
for 1966-1967	104.00	
Total	$ 2,646.60	$ 2,646.60

A comparison of the Journal's operation for 1966 with that for 1965 shows the volume of business remained substantially the same. Costs were lowered slightly while total reciepts were slightly up, thus enabling a slight profit. The Journal had 4,706 names on its mailing list at the end of 1966 as compared with 4,664 for December, 1965. Of this number 690 were members of the society as compared with 686 members for 1965.

The Journal has just completed a general rate increase after a period of study by a special Committee on Journal Affairs. This rate increase will enable the Journal to expand to 96 pages from the normal 80 pages. This will permit both more articles of interest and more room for advertising.

The publication by the Journal of the Proceedings of the 175th Anniversary of The Patent Systems 1790-1965 was completed during the year and it is planned to offer this publication to active members of the Society in the near future at a reduced rate.

Respectfully submitted,

George E. Lowrance
Business Manager